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U.S. Patent References:

<u>References</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
US 6,485,436	11-26-2002	Truckai et al.
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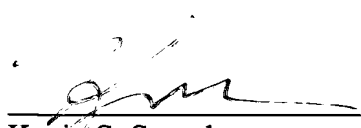
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